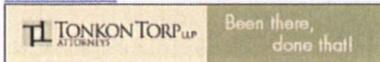


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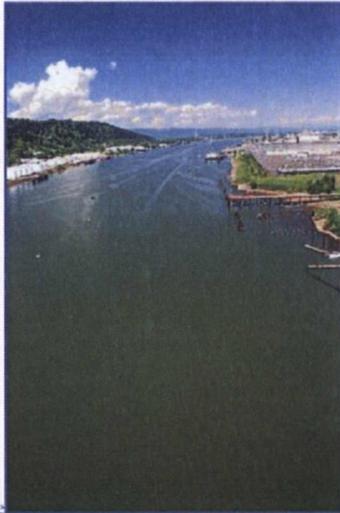


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### Coming up: How super, really, is the Superfund?

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For the past couple of months, we've been chipping away at a set of stories about the Portland Harbor Superfund.

Our stories (Wendy Culverwell's examining critical issues regarding properties along the Willamette River's north reach, I'm getting at who, once the bill comes due, will pay for it) will land in Friday's Portland Business Journal. We'll also be running a few items online in advance of the story, including video and pictures that'll provide close-up looks at the Superfund sites.

("Superfund," by the way, is a moniker designated to sites deemed as worthy of priority work by the Environmental Protection Agency. Portland received the designation in 2000.)

It's an evergreen story, one that's been covered — [and covered very well](#) — by every publication in town. We broke the news last month that [work on the site will be delayed a least a year](#) longer than businesses, not to mention the Environmental Protection Agency, had hoped.



It's a thick topic, and we're planning to, for now, chip away at it. As time goes on, we'll undoubtedly examine the actual work that'll be performed (the options include removal, treatment and capping options) as well as report on decisions leading up to what the EPA calls the "record of decision," or final plan.

That final version likely won't hit until 2016.

At stake are the prospects of more than 100 businesses, not to mention the resident fish and migrating salmon along with the water recreational community.

Even as our coverage this week examines two key Superfund angles, our work, as well as that of all our media colleagues, is clearly in the early stages. It could take some 28 years to fully complete the Superfund work.

Check back for more, and be sure to read this Friday's Portland Business Journal.

